

## BUREAU OF MARINE SCIENCE, DIVISION OF BIOLOGICAL MONITORING AND ASSESSMENT RECREATIONAL FISHERIES PROGRAM

ANTICIPATED: CONTRACT FIELD TECHNICIANS
\$15\*/HOUR SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT
6-7 Positions of Varying Duration Between April – early November
1 week of Training in March or April

The ME DMR Division of Biological Monitoring and Assessment is responsible for the collection of information and long-term monitoring programs on commercially and recreationally important marine resources and their fisheries. Data from these studies are used in fishery stock assessments and for fishery management decisions.

**JOB DESCRIPTION:** The ME DMR annually seeks to fill <u>six to seven variable term seasonal positions</u> in the Division of Biological Monitoring and Assessment, in West Boothbay Harbor, Maine. The Positions will assist conducting recreational saltwater fishing surveys. Work includes in-person shore-side angler surveying, surveying shark/tuna-permitted boat captains, ride-along head boat surveying, and possibly a phone-based survey of fishing charter and head boats.

This is technical work requiring field skills relevant to marine sciences, with collection and recording of data for resource management. Field work is performed without close supervision, according to detailed procedures for gathering and recording accurate data.

Extensive travel in coastal areas of Maine is required, primarily from Bath to Kittery, along with a bi-weekly meeting at DMR in Boothbay Harbor. Work is in inclement weather or under hot mid-summer sun. The work week includes Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, with two to three weekdays off. Daily work hours often extend beyond normal 8am-5pm work hours.

**REQUIREMENTS:** Applicants living in southern coastal Maine or along the Rte 95 or Rte 295 corridors from Augusta southward are situated well for this work. Applicants should feel comfortable initiating conversation with the public, conducting work independently and as part of an active work group. Candidates must demonstrate strong oral and interpersonal skills; be communicative; be reliable, positive, and easygoing with the public; have some knowledge of basic field and surveying techniques; exhibit attention to detail and accuracy; be able to identify and handle Gulf of Maine fish species; have proficient computer skills and experience working with online software applications; and have legible handwriting. Experience on offshore boats (not prone to seasickness) is preferred.

A valid, clear and safe driving record is a must. Possession of and willingness to use personal car for work is important; mileage is reimbursed by the State at \$0.45/mile. Use of State vehicles may be possible when available; to qualify for State car use, candidates must have been licensed to drive for at least one year and be able to submit their driving record to the State's Risk Management Office and receive their approval. A background check is required before employment.

\*Under consideration for an increase for 2022

**APPLICATION PROCEDURE:** Resume, cover letter, and three references can be submitted anytime. Hiring will take place between Jan 1 – Mar 1, 2022. Email to: <a href="mailto:clarisse.Brown@maine.gov">clarisse.Brown@maine.gov</a>, OR mail to:

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